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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in Meissen

EVALUATION

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DATE PREPARED 1 March 1955

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. During the period of observation, the kaserne in Meissen-Zaschendorf (1601) was occupied as follows:

Middle section: Still occupied by approximately 800 to 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and belonged to a rocket launcher unit. Most of the soldiers wore artillery insignia and were equipped with about 40 to 50 132-mm M-13 rocket launchers and about 60 trucks. On three different days, groups of up to 12 men received instruction on 2 to 4 rocket launchers.

Southern section: Still occupied by a signal unit of about 400 men who wore blue-bordered black epaulets, most of them with signal insignia. Many telephone masts were still piled up in the storage area.

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2. During the same period, the kaserne in Meissen-Bohnitzsch (1602) had the following occupation:

Northern section: Still occupied by a tank unit of approximately 800 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia. On 22 January, 2 tanks of SP guns were seen and, on 29 January a heavy SP gun JSU-122 and T-34/85 tank which moved from the tank repair shop to the kaserne. It appeared that still about 35 to 40 T-34/85 tanks and tanks of the JS series were parked there.

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Southern section: Still occupied by an AAA unit of 400 to 500 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 21 January 1955, 50 soldiers practiced aiming with 4 76.2-mm or 85-mm AA guns with protective shield.

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1. Comment. The occupation of the kaserne in Meissen-Zaschendorf remained unchanged.
2. Comment. No considerable changes seem to have taken place in the kaserne in Meissen-Bohnitzsch.

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